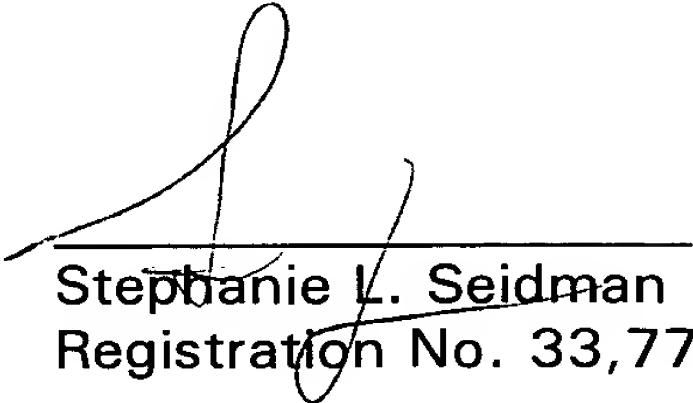


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ELECTION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In view of the above amendments and remarks, examination and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

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